

Amendments to the Specification

At page 8, please replace the paragraph at lines 11-24 with the following paragraph:

A preferred chew product for use with the present invention is a rawhide product. Generally, such products and methods for their preparation are known in the art. Exemplary procedures for the preparation of rawhide materials are disclosed for example in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,047,231, issued on September 10, 1991 and 6,223,693 issued on May 1, 2001. Rawhide products can be prepared in a dried form. To do so, rawhide can be combined with solution(s) of ingredients to be incorporated with the rawhide and then dried. The rawhide material may be in any shape that can be chewed. Examples of such rawhide shapes are strips, balls made up of pieces or strips, knotted strips, bones made up of pieces or strips, curled pieces, etc. The rawhide also can be that which has been molded (e.g., compressed, extruded, stamped, tabletted, etc.) and formed.